

Dear Sirs,

I understand that your Committee has a proposal that will be voted on HB 5263 which would slaughter thousands of rabbits for food consumption. Please vote NO to this proposal for all of the reasons posted below.

- 1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats
- 2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits. They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.
- 3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.
- 4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.
- 5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative

Thank you for taking the time to read and I hope you err on the side of compassion.

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